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In 2013, the Australian Bureau of Statistics was provided with access to the Australian Taxation Office's Personal Income Tax unit record data to assess the feasibility of linking records from the Australian Government's Settlement Database to the Personal Income Tax unit record data. The study concluded that linking was feasible, provided name and address information could be used as linking variables, and that the linked dataset could provide useful information that no other data source could provide. This paper provides background to the feasibility study, a brief description of the linking strategy and process, and an assessment of the quality of the linking. The potential benefits of future linking projects are also discussed.

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